

# MONDAY MORNING



## Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

Today is about celebrating King's message of peace, equality, and justice for all people and is a time for reflection and service to the community. "Honoring the dream, celebrating the progress. Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!"



Join us this Wednesday, January 18th, for SNAPA Connects! We are super excited for this week's presenters Ryan Molnar, Sue Mosher, and Melissa Patterson from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture! They will be giving an update on roles at PDA and allocating commodities for 2024! Mark your calendar for 2:30 - 3:30 and register now!

[Register Here!](#)

## 2023 SNA and SNAPA Awards

The SNA Awards program highlights the outstanding and important work of SNA members and state affiliates. Members and state associations are eligible for a variety of honors that recognize their achievements in school food service, leadership, membership recruitment, and professional development. The deadline to submit nominations is **March 1, 2023**. Applications put you into consideration for both State and National Awards.



Check out 2021- 2022 winners!  
It could be you next!

[Submit a Nomination!](#)

## 2023 SNAPA Director Workshop

Join us for the 2023 Director Workshop offers two days of collaboration, idea-sharing and networking. By the end of the event, you'll be equipped with the necessary knowledge, motivation and support to finish the year on a high note.

Pack your bags for March 26-27th at Seven Springs Resort! Online registration ends on March 1, 2023! Click below to learn more and register!

[Register Here!](#)

## Call for Nominations

Nominations are open for the 2023-2024 SNAPA Board of Directors positions that will be open in the coming year.

Board positions up for nominees include Vice President, Nutrition Education/Professional Development Chair, Public Policy and Legislative Chair, and Regional Representatives for Region 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Nomination forms should be submitted to [executivedirector@snapa.org](mailto:executivedirector@snapa.org) no later than February 1, 2023

[Click Here for Nominations Forms](#)



## Future Leader

Nominations are now being accepted for SNA's 2023 Future Leaders Program. This program will be held on April 27-29 in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference (NLC). **The deadline to submit applications is February 1, 2023!**

[View Application](#)

## Membership Update!

The Membership Committee mailed a hard copy membership drive letter to all FSDs who were not active SNAPA and SNA members. Tell your friends to check their mail! Please encourage others to join SNA and SNAPA who may not be current members.



## Call for Presenters

SNAPA is looking for presenters for the 2023 Annual Conference! If you would like to present or know someone who is interested, please fill out our online form [HERE](#). Submissions must be received by February 28, 2023.



## Participate with PSU

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition, through their partnership with Penn State University (Project PA) is seeking school Food Service Directors to participate in a virtual focus group to discuss local purchasing experiences. Participants will be asked to complete a short on-line survey and participate in a 1-hour focus group in January or February. Each participant will receive \$100 as a "thank you" for participating. If interested, please send an email to [elainem@psu.edu](mailto:elainem@psu.edu) indicating your interest. Please include your name and school district/Local Education Agency. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

This project is funded by a 2022 USDA Farm to School grant.

## Thank You Partners!



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## In the News:

[Study shows benefits of school gardens, nutrition](#)

[Winter the perfect time to try new beans](#)

[Pa. high schools could start offering students K-12 education training next school year](#)

[SNA Survey Shows School Meal Programs Face Critical Challenges](#)

## PEARS Reminders

Jan 6 - Direct Certification – Deadline for Third Student Enrollment Upload and Completing DC Process is January 31

Jan 9 - Reminder: 2022-2023 On-Site Review Must be Completed by 2/1/2023

Jan 10 - Reminder: Verification Collection Report 2022-2023 due February 1, 2022

Jan 10 - Focus group regarding local purchasing experiences--opportunity to share input

# Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month

## Engage Your Students Through Contests

### What is Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month?

Pennsylvania Harvest of the Month (PA HOM) is a program developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Project PA (Penn State University) to promote a local agricultural product each month through schools, child and adult care centers/day care homes, and summer feeding sites. The program aims to provide participants with local, healthy products while supporting Pennsylvania farmers and producers. Check out the [PA HOM website](#) for more information about the program including the PA HOM calendar, downloadable items such as posters, other signage, fact sheets, family newsletter, stickers, and recipes featuring PA HOM items.



### How can I engage students in PA HOM?

Funding is available (up to \$1,500 each) to support up to 20 school districts/Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to hold student contests focused on PA HOM. The type of contest is left to the discretion of each LEA and may include poster, video, essay, rap, photography, or other types of contests. Contests may focus on PA HOM in general or on a specific PA HOM item.

LEAs may apply for this funding by completing and [submitting this short application](#).



### What are the requirements of the funding?

Awarded LEAs will be required to submit short reports describing their contest and the winning entry(ies) and to post at least once on social media about the contest using the #PAHarvestoftheMonth. Reports about the contests will be featured on the PA HOM website along with the winning entries.



### How will applications be judged?

Criteria used to score the applications will include the nature of the team assembled to manage the contest, the strength of the plan, number of students reached, appropriateness of the budget, and plans for sustainability beyond the timeframe of the contest.

### What are the deadlines?



- Applications are due by February 10, 2023.
- Award announcements will be made by March 1, 2023.
- Contests must be completed by February 29, 2024.
- Project reports and winning entries must be submitted by March 29, 2024.

### Questions?



If you have questions about this opportunity, please send it via email to [elainem@psu.edu](mailto:elainem@psu.edu).

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